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TAGS: OVIP (BURNS, ARTHUR)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ARTHUR BURNS

REF: (A) STATE 074952, (B) STATE 064704, (C) MELBOURNE 0458

- 1. RESERVATIONS FOR MR. AND MRS. BURNS MADE AT LAKESIDE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL FOR NIGHT OF APRIL 24. EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER IS FSO/E-C OFFICER PETER FROST (TEL: OFFICE: 733-711, HOME: 95-6051).
- 2. ALTHOUGH CANBERRA OFFICALDOM WARMLY WELCOMES BURNS VISIT AND WE UNDERSTAND PRIME MINISTER FRASER WANTS TO SEE MR. BURNS, PROBLEM OF ARRANGING PROGRAM, COMPLICATED BY UNCERTAINTY OF WHEN PM WILL SEE HIM, BY FACT THAT TREASURER HOWARD WILL NOT BE IN CANBERRA AT TIME OF VISIT, BY FACT THAT PARLIAMENT NOT SITTING AT TIME OF VISIT, AND FINALLY BY FACT THAT APRIL 25 IS AN AUSTRALIAN HOLIDAY ("ANZAC DAY").
- 3. EMBASSY DISCUSSING PROGRAM WITH DEPARTMENT OF PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET AND WITH TREASURY AND WILL REPORT TIME OF PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING AND OTHER EVENTS AS SOON AS KNOWN. WE ARE ALSO DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY OF HAVING MR. BURNS ADDRESS LUNCHEON MEETING AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB AND DINNER MEETING OF CANBERRA CHAPTER, ECONOMIC SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND (FORMAT UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR EVENING SIMILAR TO THAT OUTLINED BY AMCONSUL MELBOURNE IN REF C). WOULD MR. BURNS BE RECEPTIVE TO EITHER OR BOTH OF THESE SUGGESTIONS?

4. TREASURY PROPOSES HOLD A "ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION" AT WHICH KEY TREAUSRY OFFICIALS, POSSIBLY AT LEVEL OF SIR FREDERICK WHEELER, SECRETARY, AND OR JOHN STONE, DEPUTY SECRETARY (ECONOMICS), WOULD

BE PRESENT.

5. FROM SIGHTSEEING STANDPOINT, WE WOULD SUGGEST BRIEF TOUR OF CANBERRA, VISIT TO TIDBINBILLA NATURE RESERVE AND POSSIBLE VISIT TO TIDBINBILLA DEEP SPACE COMMUNICATION COMPLEX (RUN BY AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE UNDER CONTRACT TO NASA). IF FOREGOING ATTRACTIVE TO THE BURNS, EMBASSY WILL ARRANGE FOR HIRE OF CAR AND DRIVER AND CONTROL OFFICER PREPARED ACCOMPANY THEM. ALSTON

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